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1. A wagering game for one or more players comprising:
one or more decks of playing cards;
5 a gaming table having a layout depicting a player primary wager area and a player side wager area;
a primary wager associated with said primary wager area, said primary wager dependent upon a value of a player's hand exceeding a value of a dealer's hand; and
a side wager associated with said side wager area, said side wager dependent
10 upon a poker ranking defined by two or more of the player cards.
2. The wagering game of claim 1 wherein said one or more players may draw a maximum of five cards.
- 15 3. The wagering game of claim 2 wherein a player loses the primary wager if the player's cards exceed a maximum value.
4. The wagering game of claim 3 wherein the maximum value is thirty-three.
- 20 5. The wagering game of claim 1 wherein the poker ranking is defined by a player's first three cards.
6. The wagering game of claim 5 wherein winning poker rankings are selected from the group consisting of flushes, straights, straight flushes, and threes of a kind.
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7. The wagering game of claim 1 wherein said dealer must draw a card as long as the dealer's cards have a value of twenty-five or less.
8. The wagering game of claim 1 wherein said dealer may no longer draw cards if
30 the dealer's cards have a value of twenty-six or more.

9. The wagering game of claim 1 further comprising a display device for displaying the value of each player hand and the dealer hand.

5 10. The wagering game of claim 9 wherein said dealer inputs the value of each player hand and the dealer hand via a dealer interface in communication with the display device.

10 11. The wagering game of claim 1 further comprising means for visually indicating the value of each player hand and the dealer hand.

12. A method of playing a wagering game comprising:
 offering one or more players a primary wager and a side wager;
 dealing one or more players and a dealer two or more playing cards;
 15 allowing said players to draw one or more cards;
 allowing said dealer to draw cards until a value of said dealer's cards exceeds a preestablished minimum value;
 resolving each player's side wager wherein said side wager is dependent upon a poker ranking defined by two or more of each player's cards; and
 20 resolving each player's primary wager wherein said primary wager is dependent upon a value of each player's hand exceeding a value of a dealer's hand.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said preestablished minimum value is twenty-five.

25 14. The method of claim 12 wherein said poker rankings are defined by a player's first three cards.

15. The method of claim 12 further comprising said dealer calculating a value of each player's hand and the dealer's hand and causing the values to be electronically displayed.

5 16. The method of claim 15 wherein the value of each player's hand and the dealer's hand is input by the dealer via a dealer interface in communication with the display device.

10 17. The method of claim 12 further comprising said dealer calculating a value of each player's hand and the dealer's hand and causing the values to be identified on or near a table layout.

18. A gaming machine for facilitating a wagering game comprising:

means for accepting a player primary wager and side wager;

15 a processor in communication with a random number generator and display device, said processor for causing said display device to display two or more randomly generated player cards and two or more randomly generated dealer cards;

selection means for said player to draw up to five cards which are each displayed on said display device; and

20 said processor further for causing said display device to display dealer cards until a value of the dealer's cards exceeds a preestablished dealer minimum value, said processor further for resolving said side wager wherein said side wager is dependent upon a poker ranking defined by two or more of the player's cards, said processor further for resolving said primary wager wherein said primary wager is dependent upon
25 a value of a player's hand exceeding a value of a dealer's hand.

19. The gaming machine of claim 18 wherein a player may use said selection means to draw a maximum of five cards.

20. The gaming machine of claim 18 wherein a player loses the primary wager if the value of the player's hand exceeds a maximum value.

21. The gaming machine of claim 18 wherein the maximum value is thirty-three.

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22. The gaming machine of claim 18 wherein the poker ranking is defined by a player's first three cards.

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23. The gaming machine of claim 18 wherein said processor further for causing said random number generator to select dealer cards and said display device to display dealer cards until a value of the dealer's cards exceeds twenty-five.

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24. A wagering game for one or more players comprising:
 one or more decks of playing cards;
 a gaming table having a layout depicting a player primary wager area and a player side wager area;
 a primary wager associated with the primary wager area, the primary wager dependent upon a value of a player's hand exceeding a value of a dealer's hand;
 a side wager associated with the side wager area, the side wager dependent upon a poker ranking defined by two or more of the player cards; and
 the primary wager being lost if either the value of the player's hand exceeds thirty-three or the value of the dealer's hand exceeds the value of the player's hand with neither the value of the player's hand or the value of the dealer's hand exceeding thirty-three, the primary wager being won if either the value of the player's hand exceeds the value of the dealer's hand with neither the value of the player's hand or the value of the dealer's hand exceeding thirty-three or the value of the dealer's hand exceeds thirty-three and the value of the player's hand does not exceed thirty-three and said side wager being won if said poker ranking is a straight, flush, straight flush or three of a kind.

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25. A method of playing a wagering game comprising:

offering a primary wager and a side wager;

dealing one or more players and a dealer two or more playing cards;

allowing the players to draw up to five total cards;

5 allowing the dealer to draw cards until a value of the dealer's cards exceeds a preestablished minimum value;

resolving each player's side wager wherein the side wager is dependent upon a poker ranking defined by each player's first three cards, the side wager being won when the poker ranking is either a straight, a flush, a straight flush or three of a kind;

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resolving the primary wager wherein the primary wager is lost if either the value of the player's hand exceeds thirty-three or the value of the dealer's hand exceeds the value of the player's hand with neither the value of the player's hand or the value of the dealer's hand exceeding thirty-three, the primary wager is won if either the value of the
15 player's hand exceeds the value of the dealer's hand with neither the value of the player's hand or the value of the dealer's hand exceeding thirty-three or the value of the dealer's hand exceeds thirty-three and the value of the player's hand does not exceed thirty-three.